

## IFP Ranchi Organized Training Programmes on Sustainable Harvesting and Regeneration of NTFPs in Odisha



Two training programmes on "Sustainable harvesting and regeneration of NTFPs includes medicinal plants" were organized by the Institute of Forest Productivity, Ranchi at Rourkela and Rayagada, Odisha on 16-17 September and 19-20 September 2013, respectively. The training programmes were especially designed for Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project (OFSDP) officials.

Dr. A. K. Pandey, Scientist-F and Head, Agroforestry Division was the training coordinator while Dr. Sanjay Singh, Scientist-E and Head, BSN Division and Dr. Malbika Ray, Scientist-D and Head, Ecology and Environment Division were resource persons.

The training programmes consisted of judicious mix of classroom lectures and field demonstrations. Major emphasis were given on the important NTFP species available in the region such as Satamuli (*Asparagus racemosus*); Giloe (*Tinospora cordifolia*), Anantmool (*Hemidesmus indicus*), Kali musli (*Curculigo orchiodes*), Harida (*Terminalia chebula*), Baheda (*Terminalia belerica*), Aonla (*Emblica officinalis*), Nisoth (*Operculia turpenthum*), Vidarikand (*Pueraria tuberosa*), Phanphana (*Oroxylum indicum*), Bel (*Aegle marmeos*), Lodha (*Symplococus racemosa*), and Dhataki (*Woodfordia fruticosa*).

The trainings were highly useful for the participants as indicated in the feedback received. The need of such more training programmes, preferably of 3-5 days duration with inclusion of processing and value addition component was also felt.

